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## PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

### SCHEDULED MEETINGS

*Tuesday, 12 September 2000*

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

*Fifty-fifth session*

10 a.m. 10th plenary meeting General Assembly Hall

1. Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization: presentation by the Secretary-General of his annual report on the work of the Organization (A/55/1) [10]

2. Opening of the general debate [9]:

   Brazil

   United States of America

3. Address by His Excellency Mr. Ismael Omar Guelleh, President of the Republic of Djibouti

4. Continuation of the general debate [9]:

   Address by His Excellency Mr. Juan Francisco Reyes López, Vice-President of the Republic of Guatemala

   France

   Nepal

   Malta

3 p.m. 11th plenary meeting General Assembly Hall

1. Continuation of the general debate [9]:

   Address by His Excellency Mr. Patrick Leclercq, Prime Minister, Minister of State and Director for External Relations of the Principality of Monaco

(continued overleaf)

2. Address by His Excellency Mr. Gnassingbé Eyadéma, President of the Togolese Republic

3. Continuation of the general debate [9]:

Latvia

Senegal

Kazakhstan

Chile

Finland

Honduras

Liechtenstein

Bulgaria

Colombia

**Committees**

FIRST COMMITTEE

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| 10 a.m.-<br>1 p.m. | informal consultations<br>(closed) | Conference<br>Room 4 |

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

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|---|---|---|
| 10.30 a.m.-<br>1 p.m. | closed meeting | Conference<br>Room 10 |
| 3 p.m.-<br>6 p.m. | closed meeting | Conference<br>Room 10 |

*Subjects*

1. UNHCR

2. Board of Auditors

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FIFTY-FIFTH SESSION OF
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

*General debate*
*(12 to 16, 18 to 22 September 2000)*

The provisional list of speakers (No. 5) for the general debate of the fifty-fifth session of the General Assembly is now available in room S-3001.

Delegations are reminded that credentials should be issued for all representatives to the fifty-fifth session of the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly. Credentials should be sent to the Secretary of the Credentials Committee (room S-3420A).

Live Webcast of the general debate of the fifty-fifth session of the General Assembly is available on the General Assembly Website on the Internet at: http://www.un.org/ga/55.

Delegations are invited to send in advance by e-mail the electronic version of the text of their statements in the general debate, in one of the official languages of the United Nations, to DPI@un.org for posting on the General Assembly Website.

## Announcements

*Cellular telephones*

Delegations are kindly requested to turn their cellular telephones rings off while attending meetings in order to maintain the orderly conduct of the proceedings of those meetings.

# MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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*Tuesday, 12 September 2000*

ORGANIZATION OF THE ISLAMIC CONFERENCE:

SIX-MEMBER COMMITTEE ON PALESTINE
*(at the ministerial level)*

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| 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. | closed meeting | Conference Room 8 |

AFRICAN GROUP:

GROUP OF EXPERTS ON FIFTH COMMITTEE MATTERS

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| 1.15 p.m. - 2.45 p.m. | closed meeting | Conference Room D |

GROUP OF 77
*(on the draft ministerial statement)*

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| 3 p.m. - 6 p.m. | closed meeting | Conference Room 2 |

ORGANIZATION OF THE ISLAMIC CONFERENCE:

CONTACT GROUP ON BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA AND KOSOVA
*(at the ministerial level)*

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| 3 p.m. - 6 p.m. | closed meeting | Conference Room 8 |

RIO GROUP
*(Troika Group – Japan)*

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| 3.25 p.m. - 4.15 p.m. | closed meeting | Conference Room 7 |

AFRICAN GROUP OF THE WHOLE

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| 4.30 p.m. - 6 p.m. | closed meeting | Economic and Social Council Chamber |

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There will be a meeting of the Foreign Ministers of the Gulf Cooperation Council *today*, 12 September 2000, from 10.40 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room D.

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**Announcement**

As from Friday, 1 September 2000, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

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**Announcement**

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

# FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

*Wednesday, 13 September 2000*

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

*Fifty-fifth session*

10 a.m. — 12th plenary meeting — General Assembly Hall

Continuation of the general debate[9]:

Saint Kitts and Nevis

China

Italy

Bahrain

Estonia

Trinidad and Tobago

Morocco

Peru

3 p.m. — 13th plenary meeting — General Assembly Hall

Continuation of the general debate [9]:

Croatia

Belgium

South Africa

Japan

Egypt

Viet Nam

Barbados

Mexico

Denmark

Burkina Faso

Mauritania

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

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|---|---|---|
| 10.30 a.m. | closed meeting | Conference Room 10 |
| 3 p.m. | closed meeting | Conference Room 10 |

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**GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

*Informal consultations on agenda item 34 (a): Oceans and the law of the sea*

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on Agenda item 34 (a) (Consideration of elements relating to oceans and seas, including improvement of coordination and cooperation), will be held on Wednesday 20, and Thursday, 21 September 2000, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

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**Committees**

FIRST COMMITTEE

The 2nd meeting of the First Committee will be held on Thursday, 14 September 2000, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 4, to consider the organization of work.

Delegations wishing to participate in the general debate on disarmament and international security and related agenda items are urged to kindly inscribe their names on the list of speakers with the Secretariat of the Committee (room S-3170K; tel.: (212) 963-0049), as soon possible.

Delegations are reminded that names of representatives and of alternate representatives and advisers should be submitted to Mr. Kuo-Chung Lin, Secretary of the First Committee (telefax: (212) 963-5305).

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SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

The Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) will hold its 2nd meeting on Wednesday, 13 September 2000, at 10 a.m. sharp in Conference Room 4, for the purpose of electing its Vice-Chairmen and Rapporteur and to consider and approve its organization of work (A/C.4/55/L.1).

Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list of speakers for the general debate relating to decolonization items,which will begin on Monday, 25 September (see document A/C.4/55/L.1), are kindly requested to notify the Secretariat (room S-2977; tel.: (212) 963-9223).

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SECOND COMMITTEE

The Second Committee will hold its 2nd meeting on Wednesday, 20 September 2000, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 1, to elect its Vice-Chairmen and Rapporteur and to consider its proposed organization of work as contained in document A/C.2/55/L.1*. The list of speakers for items allocated to the Second Committee (A/C.2/55/1)* will be opened for inscription on Wednesday, 20 September 2000, at 3 p.m.

* To be issued.

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THIRD COMMITTEE

The Third Committee will hold its 2nd meeting on Friday, 15 September 2000, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 1, for the purpose of electing its Vice-Chairmen and Rapporteur and to consider and approve its organization of work (A/C.3/55/L.1)*. A revised non-paper containing information on the work programme is available to delegations at the office of the Secretary of the Third Committee (room S-2950).

* To be issued.

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FIFTH COMMITTEE

The Fifth Committee will hold its 2nd meeting on Tuesday, 19 September 2000, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 3, to consider the following issues: (a) Election of Vice-Chairmen and a Rapporteur; (b) Status of documentation (A/C.5/55/L.1)* and organization of work (A/C.5/55/L.2)*; (c) 17 (b) (Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments: appointment of a member of the Committee on Contributions (A/55/102/Add.1 and A/C.5/55/5*), (d) Item 122 (Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations): Letter dated 17 July 2000 from the President of the General Assembly addressed to the Chairman of the Fifth Committee (A/C.5/55/2); and (e) Item 117 (Programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001): Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/54/L.88/Rev.1 (A/C.5/54/65).

* To be issued.

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SIXTH COMMITTEE

Informal open-ended consultations on the organization of work of the Sixth Committee will take place on Monday, 18 September 2000, at 11 a.m. in Conference Room 5.

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**International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights**

The Twentieth Meeting of States Parties will take place on Thursday, 14 September 2000, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 1. The documents for the Meeting are CCPR/SP/56 and Add.1-3. The provisional agenda is contained in document CCPR/SP/57.

*Quorum*

Pursuant to article 30, paragraph 4 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, the necessary quorum for the meeting is two-third of the States Parties. As there are presently 144 States Parties to the Covenant, the quorum is 96 States Parties. In the past, meetings of the States Parties have been substantially delayed or called off due to the lack of quorum. In order to avoid such occurrences, it is imperative for the States Parties to be present at the scheduled time of the meeting.

*Credentials*

In accordance with Rule 2 of the Revised Rules of procedure of the Meeting of the States Parties to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, the credentials of representatives and the names of members of a delegation issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs should be submitted to the Secretary-General prior to the opening of the Meeting. The credentials may be brought or sent to the New York Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (room S-2914).

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**ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL**

**Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund**

*Pre-session informal consultation*

The Executive Board of UNDP and of UNFPA will hold pre-session informal consultations on all matters before the third regular session 2000 on Wednesday, 13 September 2000, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

*Third regular session 2000*

The third regular session 2000 of the Executive Board of UNDP and of UNFPA will be held from 25 to 29 September 2000 in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional agenda, annotations, list of documents and work plan are contained in document DP/2000/L.4. Interested delegations are invited to attend.

Delegations, as well as observers, are requested to fax their credentials to the secretariat of the Executive Board (fax: (212) 906-5634) as soon as possible, but no later than Friday, 15 September 2000.

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**United Nations Children's Fund**

EXECUTIVE BOARD

*Second regular session for 2000*

The second regular session of the UNICEF Executive Board will take place from 18 to 20 September 2000 in Conference Room 2. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work is contained in document E/ICEF/2000/14.

# MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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There will be a meeting of the Ad Hoc Committee on Afghanistan *(at the ministerial level)* of the Organization of the Islamic Conference on Wednesday, 13 September 2000, at 10 a.m. in Confrence Room 8.

There will be a meeting of the Contact Group on Jammu and Kashmir *(at the ministerial level)* of the Organization of the Islamic Conference on Wednesday, 13 September 2000, at 3 p.m. in Confrence Room 8.

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The Twenty-fourth Annual Ministerial Meeting will be preceded by the Twelfth Annual Meeting of Senior Officials of the Group of 77 on Wednesday, 13 September 2000, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

The Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Member States of the Group of 77 will hold their Twenty-fourth Annual Ministerial Meeting at Headquarters on Friday, 15 September 2000, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

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The Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Member States of the Group of Land-locked Developing Countries will hold their first annual ministerial meting on Monday, 18 September 2000, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 1.

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## Briefings

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing the following briefings for delegates from the permanent missions and capitals attending a session of the General Assembly for the first time:

1. General briefing on the work of the fifty-fifth session of the General Assembly: Wednesday 13 and Thursday 14 September 2000 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m.;

2. Special briefing on the work of the Second Committee: Friday, 15 September, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.;

3. Special briefing on the work of the Fifth Committee: Friday, 15 September, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.;

4. Special briefing on the work of the Third Committee: Monday, 18 September, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.;

5. Special briefing on electronic services at the United Nations: Tuesday, 19 September, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603; tel.: (212) 963-9196).

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There will be a briefing for diplomats and the staff in the United Nations system at Headquarters on Friday, 15 September 2000, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 2, by the Foreign Minister of Benin on the preparation for the Fourth International Conference on New or Restored Democracies, to be held in Cotonou, Benin, from 4 to 6 December 2000.

# SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

*Friday, 8 September 2000*

## GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

8th plenary meeting

*The Millennium Assembly of the United Nations [61 (b) of the provisional agenda (see A/55/150)]*

*Millennium Summit of the United Nations (6th meeting of the Summit)*

*Addresses on the occasion of the Summit*

The Millennium Summit heard addresses H.E. Mr. Václav Havel, President of the Czech Republic; H.E. Mr. Isaias Afwerki, President of Eritrea; H.E. Sir Orville Turnquest, Governor-General of the Commonwealth of the Bahamas; H.E. Mr. Teburoro Tito, President and Prime Minister of Kiribati; H.E. Mr. Abdikassim Salad Hassan, President of the Somali Democratic Republic; H.E. The Honourable Keith Mitchell, Prime Minister of Grenada; H.E. The Honourable Barak Sope Maautamate, Prime Minister and Minister for Public Service of the Republic of Vanuatu; H.E. Mr. Lamine Sidimé, Prime Minister of the Republic of Guinea; H.E. Mr. Nagoum Yamassoum, Prime Minister of the Republic of Chad; H.E. Cardinal Angelo Sodano, Secretary of State of the Holy See; H.E. Mr. Sabo Nassirou, Minister for Foreign Affairs, Cooperation and African Integration of the Niger; H.E. Mr. Yerodia Abdoulaye Ndombasi, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Democratic Republic of the Congo; H.E. Shaikh Mohammed bin Mubarak Al-Khalifa, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Bahrain; H.E. Mr. Mamadu Iaia Djalo, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Communities of Guinea-Bissau; H.E. Mr. Hersey Kyota, Chairman of the Delegation of Palau; H.E. Mr. Panapasi Nelesone, Chairman of the Delegation of Tuvalu; and H.E. Mr. Amraiya Naidu, Chairman of the Delegation of Fiji.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 54/281 of 11 August 2000, statements were made by H.E. Mr. Ahmed Esmat Abdel Meguid, Secretary-General of the League of Arab States; H.E. Mr. Romano Prodi, President of the European Commission on behalf of the European Community; H.E. Dr. Azeddine Laraki, Secretary-General of the Organization of the Islamic Conference; H.E. The Right Honourable Don McKinnon, Secretary-General of the Commonwealth Secretariat; H.E. Dr. Abdolrahim Gavahi, Secretary-General of the Economic Cooperation Organization; H.E. Dr. Jakob Kellenberger, President of the International Committee of the Red Cross; H.E. Count Carlo Marullo di Condojanni, Grand Chancellor of the Sovereign Military Order of Malta; H.E. Dr. Najma Heptulla, President of the Conference of Presiding Officers of National Parliaments; and Mr. Techeste Ahderom, Co-Chair of the Millennium Forum.

*Oral presentations by the Chairpersons of the four round tables*

The Chairpersons of the four round tables, H.E. Mr. Goh Chok Tong, Prime Minister of the Republic of Singapore, H.E. Mr. Alexander Kwasniewski, President of the Republic of Poland, H.E. Mr. Hugo Rafael Chávez Frias, President of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, and H.E. Mr. Abdelaziz Bouteflika, President of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria, orally presented summaries of the deliberations of their round tables.

*United Nations Millennium declaration: draft resolution (A/55/L.2)*

The General Assembly adopted the United Nations Millennium Declaration contained in draft resolution A/55/L.2 (General Assembly resolution 55/2).

*Closure of the Summit*

The Secretary-General made a statement.

The Co-Chairperson of the Millennium Summit of the United Nations, H.E. Ms. Tarja Halonen, President of the Republic of Finland, made a statement.

The Co-Chairperson of the Millennium Summit of the United Nations, H.E. Mr. Sam Nujoma, President of the Republic of Namibia, made a statement.

The Millennium Summit observed a minute of silent prayer or meditation.

The Co-Chairperson of the Millennium Summit of the United Nations, H.E. Mr. Sam Nujoma, President of the Republic of Namibia, then declared closed the Millennium Summit of the United Nations.

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 61 (b) of its provisional agenda (The Millennium Assembly of the United Nations).

*Monday, 11 September 2000*

## GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

9th plenary meeting

*Organization of work of the fifty-fifth regular session of the General Assembly, adoption of the agenda and allocation of the items : first report of the General Committee (A/55/250)* [8]

The General Assembly considered the first report of the General Committee circulated in document A/55/250.

*Introduction (Section I)*

*Organization of the session (Section II)*

*Observations on the organization of future sessions of the General Assembly (Section III)*

The General Assembly took note of the provisions and approved the recommendations contained in Sections I, II and III of the report of the General Committee.

*Adoption of the agenda (Section IV)*

The President of the General Assembly recalled rule 23 of the rules of procedures.

The General Assembly decided that it would direct its Main Committees to review their agenda with a view to streamlining their programme of work.

The General Assembly approved the recommendation contained in paragraph 51, that the consideration of item 59 be deferred to the fifty-sixth session and that the item be included in the provisional agenda of that session.

The General Assembly approved the recommendation contained in paragraph 52, that the consideration of item 93 be deferred to the fifty-sixth session and that the item be included in the provisional agenda of that session.

With regard to items 171, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181 and 187, the General Assembly approved the recommendation contained in paragraph 53 to include one single item entitled "Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of United Nations peacekeeping operations" in the agenda.

The General Assembly approved the recommendation contained in paragraph 54 to include item 172.

The General Assembly approved the recommendation contained in paragraph 55 to include item 173.

The General Assembly approved the recommendation contained in paragraph 56 to include item 182.

In paragraph 57, the General Assembly was informed that the General Committee had decided not to recommend the inclusion of item 183.

The General Assembly approved the recommendation contained in paragraph 58 to include item 184.

The General Assembly approved the recommendation contained in paragraph 59 to delete item 185 from the agenda of the fifty-fifth session of the General Assembly.

The General Assembly approved the recommendation contained in paragraph 60 to include item 186.

The General Assembly approved the recommendation contained in paragraph 61 to include item 188.

The General Assembly approved the recommendation contained in paragraph 62 to include item 189.

*Inclusion of items*

The General Assembly then proceeded to consider the agenda recommended for adoption by the General Committee in paragraph 63 of its report (A/55/250).

*Items 1 to 6*

The General Assembly took note of the fact that items 1 to 6 had already been acted upon in plenary meeting and their inclusion approved.

*Items 7 to 179*

The General Assembly approved the inclusion in the agenda of items 7 to 179.

*Allocation of the items (Section V)*

The General Assembly took note of the provisions contained in paragraph 64 of the report of the General Committee (A/55/250).

The President of the General Assembly recalled that the item numbers mentioned in subsequent paragraphs referred to the agenda which appeared in paragraph 63 of the report of the General Committee.

In regard to item 10, the General Assembly approved the recommendation contained in paragraph 67 (a).

In regard to item 18, the General Assembly approved the recommendation contained in paragraph 67 (b).

In regard to item 49, the General Assembly approved the recommendation contained in paragraph 67 (c).

In regard to item 51, the General Assembly approved the recommendation contained in paragraph 67 (d).

In regard to item 64, the General Assembly approved the recommendation contained in paragraph 67 (e).

In regard to item 170, the General Assembly approved the recommendation contained in paragraph 67 (f).

In regard to item 173, the General Assembly approved the recommendation contained in paragraph 67 (g).

In regard to item 174, the General Assembly approved the recommendation contained in paragraph 67 (h).

In regard to item 175, the General Assembly approved the recommendation contained in paragraph 67 (i).

In regard to item 73, the General Assembly approved the recommendation contained in paragraph 68.

In regard to item 107, the General Assembly approved the recommendation contained in paragraph 69.

In regard to item 169, the General Assembly approved the recommendation contained in paragraph 70 (a).

In regard to item 176, the General Assembly approved the recommendation contained in paragraph 70 (b).

In regard to item 171, the General assembly approved the recommendation contained in paragraph 71 (a).

In regard to item 172, the General Assembly approved the recommendation contained in paragraph 71 (b).

Taking into account the decisions just adopted, the General Assembly approved the allocation of the items listed in paragraph 72 for consideration directly in the plenary meeting.

Taking into account the decisions just adopted, the General Assembly approved the allocation of items proposed in paragraph 72 for the First Committee, the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee), the Second, Third, Fifth and Sixth Committees.

The President made a statement.

## SIGNATURE OF AND DEPOSIT OF INSTRUMENTS RELATING TO MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

### MILLENNIUM SUMMIT

8 SEPTEMBER 2000

*International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights. New York, 16 December 1966*

*Signature:* Botswana (8 September 2000)
*Ratification:* Botswana (8 September 2000)*

*Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, aiming at the abolition of the death penalty. New York, 15 December 1989*

*Signature:* Lithuania (8 September 2000)

*Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on their Destruction. Oslo, 18 September 1997*

*Ratification:* Gabon (8 September 2000)*
*Ratification:* Republic of Moldova (8 September 2000)*

* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

*Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on their Destruction. Geneva, 3 September 1992*

*Ratification:* Gabon (8 September 2000)*
*Ratification:* Jamaica (8 September 2000)*

*International Convention against the taking of hostages. New York, 17 December 1979*

*Accession:* Botswana (8 September 2000)*
*Accession:* Pakistan (8 September 2000)*
*Accession:* Sri Lanka (8 September 2000)*

*Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons which may be deemed to be Excessively Injurious or to have Indiscriminate Effects. Geneva, 10 October 1980*

*Accession:* Republic of Moldova (8 September 2000) (Consent to be bound: Protocols I, II and III of 10 October 1980)*

* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

*Additional Protocol to the Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons which may be deemed to be Excessively Injurious or to have Indiscriminate Effects (Protocol IV, entitled Protocol on Blinding Laser Weapons). Vienna, 13 October 1995*

*Consent to be bound:* Republic of Moldova (8 September 2000)*

*Protocol on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Mines, Booby-Traps and Other Devices as amended on 3 May 1996 (Protocol II as amended on 3 May 1996) annexed to the Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons which may be deemed to be Excessively Injurious or to have Indiscriminate Effects. Geneva, 3 May 1996*

*Consent to be bound:* Republic of Moldova (8 September 2000)*

*Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment. New York,* 10 December 1984

*Signature:* Botswana (8 September 2000)
*Ratification:* Botswana (8 September 2000)*
*Ratification:* Gabon (8 September 2000)*

*International Convention for the Suppression of Terrorist Bombings. New York, 15 December 1997*

*Accession:* Botswana (8 September 2000)*

*Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty. New York, 10 September 1996*

*Signature:* Nauru (8 September 2000)
*Signature:* Nigeria (8 September 2000)
*Signature:* Sierra Leone (8 September 2000)

*Protocol on the Privileges and Immunities of the International Seabed Authority. Kingston, 27 March 1998*

*Accession:* Croatia (8 September 2000)*

*Agreement on the Privileges and Immunities of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea. New York, 23 May 1997*

*Ratification:* Croatia (8 September 2000)*

* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

*Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court. Rome, 17 July 1998*

*Signature:* Barbados (8 September 2000)
*Signature:* Botswana (8 September 2000)
*Ratification:* Botswana (8 September 2000)*
*Signature:* Democratic Republic of the Congo (8 September 2000)
*Signature:* Dominican Republic (8 September 2000)
*Signature:* Jamaica (8 September 2000)
*Signature:* Kuwait (8 September 2000)
*Ratification:* Luxembourg (8 September 2000)*
*Signature:* Morocco (8 September 2000)
*Signature:* Republic of Moldova (8 September 2000)
*Signature:* Sudan (8 September 2000)

*Convention on the Safety of United Nations and Associated Personnel. New York, 9 December 1994*

*Accession:* Jamaica (8 September 2000)*
*Accession:* Lithuania (8 September 2000)*
*Accession:* Nepal (8 September 2000)*

*Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer adopted by the Ninth Meeting of the Parties. Montreal, 17 September 1997*

*Ratification:* Croatia (8 September 2000)*

*Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women. New York, 6 October 1999*

*Signature:* Lithuania (8 September 2000)
*Signature:* Nigeria (8 September 2000)
*Signature:* Sierra Leone (8 September 2000)
*Signature:* Turkey (8 September 2000)

*International Convention for the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism. New York, 9 December 1999*

*Signature:* Botswana (8 September 2000)
*Ratification:* Botswana (8 September 2000)*
*Signature:* Gabon (8 September 2000)
*Signature:* India (8 September 2000)
*Ratification:* Sri Lanka (8 September 2000)*

*Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety to the Convention on Biological Diversity. Montreal, 29 January 2000*

*Signature:* Croatia (8 September 2000)

* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

*Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the involvement of children in armed conflict. New York, 25 May 2000*

*Signature*: Azerbaijan (8 September 2000)
*Signature*: Democratic Republic of the Congo (8 September 2000)
*Signature*: Gabon (8 September 2000)
*Signature*: Guinea-Bissau (8 September 2000)
*Signature*: Jamaica (8 September 2000)
*Signature*: Kenya (8 September 2000)
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*Signature*: Sierra Leone (8 September 2000)
*Signature*: Slovenia (8 September 2000)
*Ratification*: Sri Lanka (8 September 2000)*
*Signature*: Turkey (8 September 2000)
*Signature*: Viet Nam (8 September 2000)

* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

*Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography. New York, 25 May 2000*

*Signature*: Azerbaijan (8 September 2000)
*Signature*: Gabon (8 September 2000)
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## PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

### SCHEDULED MEETINGS

*Wednesday, 13 September 2000*

**SECURITY COUNCIL**

11 a.m. — consultations of the whole (closed) — Consultation Room

East Timor

Other matters

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

*Fifty-fifth session*

10 a.m. — 12th plenary meeting — General Assembly Hall

Continuation of the general debate [9]:

Saint Kitts and Nevis

China

Italy

Kuwait

Estonia

Trinidad and Tobago

Morocco

Peru

(continued overleaf)

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| 3 p.m. | 13th plenary meeting | General Assembly Hall |

Continuation of the general debate [9]:

Croatia

Belgium

South Africa

Japan

Egypt

Viet Nam

Barbados

Mexico

Denmark

Burkina Faso

Mauritania

**Committees**

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

| | | |
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| 10 a.m.-1 p.m. | 2nd meeting | Conference Room 4 |

1. Election of officers

2. Organization of work (A/C.4/55/1, A/C.4/55/L.1)

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

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|---|---|---|
| 10.30 a.m.-1 p.m. | closed meeting | Conference Room 10 |
| 3 p.m.-6 p.m. | closed meeting | Conference Room 10 |

*Subject*

Board of Auditors

## ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

**Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund**

*Pre-session informal consultations*

| | | |
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| 3 p.m.-6 p.m. | closed meeting | Economic and Social Council Chamber |

Informal consultations on all matters before the third regular session 2000

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FIFTY-FIFTH SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

*General debate*
*(12 to 16, 18 to 22 September 2000)*

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*Wednesday, 13 September 2000*

ORGANIZATION OF THE ISLAMIC CONFERENCE:

AD HOC COMMITTEE ON AFGHANISTAN
*(at the ministerial level)*

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| 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. | closed meeting | Conference Room 8 |

RIO GROUP
*(and Canada)*

| | | |
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| 11.15 a.m.- 12.15 p.m. | closed meeting | Conference Room 7 |

GROUP OF 77

*Twelfth Annual Meeting of Senior Officials*

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| 3 p.m.- 6 p.m. | closed meeting | Trusteeship Council Chamber |

ORGANIZATION OF THE ISLAMIC CONFERENCE:

CONTACT GROUP ON JAMMU AND KASHMIR
*(at the ministerial level)*

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| 3 p.m.- 6 p.m. | closed meeting | Conference Room 8 |

RIO GROUP
*(and the Russian Federation)*

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| 3 p.m.- 4.30 p.m. | closed meeting | Conference Room 7 |

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**United Nations Institute for Training and Research**

GENERAL BRIEFING ON THE WORK OF THE FIFTY-FIFTH SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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|---|---|---|
| 10 a.m.- 1 p.m. | closed meeting | Conference Room 3 |
| 3 p.m.- 6 p.m. | closed meeting | Conference Room 3 |

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There will be a closed meeting of the Group of Member States of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) (*at the ministerial level) today*, 13 September 2000, from 10.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

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*Fifty-fifth session*

10 a.m. 14th plenary meeting General Assembly Hall

Continuation of the general debate [9]:

Lebanon

Norway

United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

Libyan Arab Jamahiriya

Germany

Syrian Arab Republic

Ireland

Sweden

3 p.m. 15th plenary meeting General Assembly Hall

Continuation of the general debate [9]:

Canada

Jamaica

Lithuania

Saudi Arabia

Netherlands

Algeria

Costa Rica

Romania

Jordan

Greece

Spain

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

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|---|---|---|
| 10.30 a.m. | closed meeting | Conference Room 10 |
| 3 p.m. | closed meeting | Conference Room 10 |

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**Committees**

FIRST COMMITTEE

The 2nd meeting of the First Committee will be held on Thursday, 14 September 2000, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 4, to consider the organization of work. The allocation of items is contained in document A/C.1/55/1.

Delegations wishing to participate in the general debate on disarmament and international security and related agenda items are urged to kindly inscribe their names on the list of speakers with the Secretariat of the Committee (room S-3170K; tel. (212) 963-0049), as soon possible.

Delegations are reminded that names of representatives and of alternate representatives and advisers should be submitted to Mr. Kuo-Chung Lin, Secretary of the First Committee (telefax: (212) 963-5305).

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SECOND COMMITTEE

The Second Committee will hold its 2nd meeting on Wednesday, 20 September 2000, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 1, to elect its Vice-Chairmen and Rapporteur and to consider its proposed organization of work as contained in document A/C.2/55/L.1*. The list of speakers for items allocated to the Second Committee (A/C.2/55/1)* will be opened for inscription on Wednesday, 20 September 2000, at 3 p.m.

* To be issued.

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THIRD COMMITTEE

The Third Committee will hold its 2nd meeting on Friday, 15 September 2000, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 1, for the purpose of electing its Vice-Chairpersons and Rapporteur and to consider and approve its organization of work (A/C.3/55/L.1)*. Information on the work programme is available at the office of the Secretary of the Third Committee (room S-2950).

The lists of speakers for all items will be opened on Wednesday, 20 September.

The Committee will begin its substantive work on Monday, 25 September, by consideration of agenda items 103 and 104.

* To be issued.

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FIFTH COMMITTEE

The Fifth Committee will hold its 2nd meeting on Tuesday, 19 September 2000, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 3, to consider the following issues: (a) Election of Vice-Chairmen and a Rapporteur; (b) Status of documentation (A/C.5/55/L.1)* and organization of work (A/C.5/55/L.2)*; (c) 17 (b) (Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments: appointment of a member of the Committee on Contributions (A/55/102/Add.1 and A/C.5/55/5*)); (d) Item 122 (Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations): Letter dated 17 July 2000 from the President of the General Assembly addressed to the Chairman of the Fifth Committee (A/C.5/55/2); and (e) Item 117 (Programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001): Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/54/L.88/Rev.1 (A/C.5/54/65).

* To be issued.

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SIXTH COMMITTEE

Informal open-ended consultations on the organization of work of the Sixth Committee will take place on Monday, 18 September 2000, at 11 a.m. in Conference Room 5.

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## GENERAL ASSEMBLY

*Informal consultations on agenda item 34 (b): Oceans and the law of the sea*

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 34 (b) (Large-scale pelagic drift-net fishing, unauthorized fishing in zones of national jurisdiction and on the high seas, fisheries by-catch and discards, and other developments), will be held on Monday, 18 September 2000, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

*Informal consultations on agenda item 34 (a): Oceans and the law of the sea*

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 34 (a) (Consideration of elements relating to oceans and seas, including improvement of coordination and cooperation), will be held on Wednesday 20, and Thursday, 21 September 2000, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

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### International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights

The Twentieth Meeting of States Parties will take place on Thursday, 14 September 2000, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 1. The documents for the Meeting are CCPR/SP/56 and Add.1-4. The provisional agenda is contained in document CCPR/SP/57.

*Quorum*

Pursuant to article 30, paragraph 4 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, the necessary quorum for the meeting is two-third of the States Parties. As there are presently 144 States Parties to the Covenant, the quorum is 96 States Parties. In the past, meetings of the States Parties have been substantially delayed or called off due to the lack of quorum. In order to avoid such occurrences, it is imperative for the States Parties to be present at the scheduled time of the meeting.

*Credentials*

In accordance with Rule 2 of the Revised Rules of procedure of the Meeting of the States Parties to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, the credentials of representatives and the names of members of a delegation issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs should be submitted to the Secretary-General prior to the opening of the Meeting. The credentials may be brought or sent to the New York Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (room S-2914).

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## ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

### Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund

*Third regular session 2000*

The third regular session 2000 of the Executive Board of UNDP and of UNFPA will be held from 25 to 29 September 2000 in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional agenda, annotations, list of documents and work plan are contained in document DP/2000/L.4. Interested delegations are invited to attend.

Delegations, as well as observers, are requested to fax their credentials to the secretariat of the Executive Board (fax: (212) 906-5634) as soon as possible, but no later than Friday, 15 September 2000.

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### United Nations Children's Fund

EXECUTIVE BOARD

*Second regular session for 2000*

The second regular session of the UNICEF Executive Board will take place from 18 to 20 September 2000 in Conference Room 2. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work is contained in document E/ICEF/2000/14.

# MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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There will be meetings of Ministers for Foreign Affairs and Heads of delegation of the Non-Aligned Movement on Thursday, 14 September 2000, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

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There will be a meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Work-ing Group on the United Nations Reform and Security Council Expansion of the Organization of the Islamic Conference *(at the ministerial level)* on Thursday, 14 September 2000, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 4.

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The Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Member States of the Group of 77 will hold their Twenty-fourth Annual Ministerial Meeting at Headquarters on Friday, 15 September 2000, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

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The Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Member States of the Group of Land-locked Developing Countries will hold their first Annual Ministerial Meeting on Monday, 18 September 2000, at 10 a.m. in *Conference Room 6*.

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**Panel discussion**

There will be a panel discussion on "Population Agequakes: The Impact on Economic and Social Policy", co-sponsored by the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA), the NGO Committee on Ageing, the NGO Committee on the Status of Women and the Association of Former International Civil Servants, on Thursday, 14 September 2000, from 1.30 p.m. to 3 p.m. in the Dag Hammarsjköld Library Auditorium. Mr. Joseph Chamie, Population Division, DESA; Ms. Leticia Shahani, Secretary-General, Nairobi Conference on Women; and Ms. Aira Paivoke, Economic and Social Affairs Counsellor, Permanent Mission of the United States, will be among the speakers. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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**Forum**

There will be a meeting of the Women's International Forum on Friday, 15 September 2000, from 11 a.m. to 12 noon in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. Mr. Peter Hain, MP, Minister of State, Foreign and Commonwealth Office, United Kingdom, will speak on "The Challenges of Governance in Africa". Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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**Briefings**

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing the following briefings for delegates from the permanent missions and capitals attending a session of the General Assembly for the first time:

1. General briefing on the work of the fifty-fifth session of the General Assembly: Thursday 14 September 2000 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.;

2. Special briefing on the work of the Second Committee: Friday, 15 September, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.;

3. Special briefing on the work of the Fifth Committee: Friday, 15 September, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.;

4. Special briefing on the work of the Third Committee: Monday, 18 September, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.;

5. Special briefing on electronic services at the United Nations: Tuesday, 19 September, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603; tel.: (212) 963-9196).

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There will be a briefing for diplomats and the staff in the United Nations system at Headquarters on Friday, 15 September 2000, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 2, by the Foreign Minister of Benin on the preparation for the Fourth International Conference on New or Restored Democracies, to be held in Cotonou, Benin, from 4 to 6 December 2000.

# SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

*Tuesday, 12 September 2000*

## GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

10th plenary meeting

*Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization: presentation by the Secretary-General of his annual report on the work of the Organization (A/55/1)* [10]

The Secretary-General made a presentation of his annual report on the work of the Organization (A/55/1).

*Opening of the general debate* [9]

The President of the General Assembly reminded the members of the decision taken by the General Assembly at its 9th plenary meeting on 11 September that congratulations should not be expressed inside the General Assembly Hall after a speech had been delivered.

In this connection, the President recalled the decision taken by the Assembly at the same meeting that speakers in the general debate, after having delivered their statements, should leave the Assembly Hall through room GA-200 at the rear of the podium before returning to their seats.

The President also reminded representatives that the list of speakers would be closed on Thursday, 14 September 2000, at 6 p.m., and requested delegations to provide estimated speaking times that were as accurate as possible, so that meetings could be planned in an orderly way.

The President recalled paragraph 21 of the annex to General Assembly resolution 51/241 whereby the Assembly indicated a voluntary guideline of up to twenty minutes for each statement in the general debate.

The General Assembly heard a statement by H.E. Mr. Luiz Felipe Palmeira Lampreia, Minister for Foreign Relations of Brazil.

The General Assembly heard a statement by H.E. Ms. Madeleine Korbel Albright, Secretary of State of the United States of America.

*Address by H.E. Mr. Ismael Omar Guelleh, President of the Republic of Djibouti*

H.E. Mr. Ismael Omar Guelleh, President of the Republic of Djibouti, addressed the General Assembly.

*Continuation of the general debate* [9]

The General Assembly heard statements by H.E. Mr. Juan Francisco Reyes López, Vice-President of the Republic of Guatemala; H.E. Mr. Hubert Védrine, Minister for Foreign Affairs of France (on behalf of the European Union); H.E. The Honourable Chakra Prasad Bastola, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Nepal; and H.E. The Honourable Joe Borg, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Malta.

11th plenary meeting

*Continuation of the general debate* [9]

The General Assembly heard a statement by H.E. Mr. Patrick Leclercq, Prime Minister, Minister of State and Director for External Relations of the Principality of Monaco.

*Address by H.E. Mr. Gnassingbé Eyadéma, President of the Togolese Republic*

H.E. Mr. Gnassingbé Eyadéma, President of the Togolese Republic, addressed the General Assembly.

*Continuation of the general debate* [9]

The General Assembly heard statements by H.E. Mr. Indulis Bērziņš, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Latvia; H.E. Mr. Cheikh Tidiane Gadio, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Senegal; H.E. Mr. Erlan Idrissov, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Kazakhstan; H.E. Ms. Soledad Alvear Valenzuela, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Chile; H.E. Ms. Marjatta Rasi, Vice-Chairperson of the Delegation of Finland; H.E. Mr. Roberto Flores Bermúdez, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Honduras; H.E. Ms. Andrea Willi, Minister for Foreign Affairs, Culture, Youth and Sport of Liechtenstein; H.E. Ms. Nadezhda Mihailova, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Bulgaria; and H.E. Mr. Guillermo Fernández de Soto, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Colombia.

# SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

## [MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

*International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights. New York, 16 December 1966*

*Signature:* Guinea-Bissau (12 September 2000)

*Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights. New York, 16 December 1966*

*Signature:* Guinea-Bissau (12 September 2000)

*Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, aiming at the abolition of the death penalty. New York, 15 December 1989*

*Signature:* Guinea-Bissau (12 September 2000)

*International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination. New York, 7 March 1966*

*Signature:* Guinea-Bissau (12 September 2000)

*Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment. New York, 10 December 1984*

*Signature:* Guinea-Bissau (12 September 2000)

*Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court. Rome, 17 July 1998*

*Signature:* Guinea-Bissau (12 September 2000)

*International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of their Families. New York, 18 December 1990*

*Signature:* Guinea-Bissau (12 September 2000)

*Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women. New York, 6 October 1999*

*Signature:* Guinea-Bissau (12 September 2000)

*Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer. London, 29 June 1990*

*Acceptance:* Tuvalu (31 August 2000)*

*Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer. Copenhagen, 25 November 1992*

*Acceptance:* Tuvalu (31 August 2000)*

*Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer adopted by the Ninth Meeting of the Parties. Montreal, 17 September 1997*

*Acceptance:* Tuvalu (31 August 2000)*

*Convention on the Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Arbitral Awards. New York, 10 June 1958*

*Accession:* Saint Vincent and the Grenadines (12 September 2000)*

*International Coffee Agreement, 1994, as extended until 30 September 2001, with modifications, by Resolution No. 384 adopted by the International Coffee Council in London on 21 July 1999. London, 30 March 1994*

*Accession:* Zimbabwe (5 September 2000)*

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East Timor

Other matters

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| 3.30 p.m. | 4196th meeting (closed) | Security Council Chamber |

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The situation in Somalia

Briefing by His Excellency Mr. Ismail Omar Guelleh, President of the Republic of Djibouti

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

*Fifty-fifth session*

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| 10 a.m. | 14th plenary meeting | General Assembly Hall |

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Norway

(continued overleaf)

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Libyan Arab Jamahiriya

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Ireland

Sweden

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Saudi Arabia

Netherlands

Algeria

Costa Rica

Romania

Jordan

Greece

Spain

**Committees**

FIRST COMMITTEE

3 p.m. - 6 p.m. 2nd meeting Conference Room 4

1. Election of officers
2. Organization of work (A/C.1/55/1)

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

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|---|---|---|
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*Subject*

Board of Auditors

**International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights**

MEETING OF STATES PARTIES

*Twentieth Meeting*

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| 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. | 26th meeting | Conference Room 1 |
| 3 p.m.-6 p.m. | 27th meeting | Conference Room 1 |

*Provisional agenda*

1. Opening of the Meeting by the representative of the Secretary-General of the United Nations

2. Election of the Chairman

3. Adoption of the agenda (CCPR/SP/57)

4. Election of other officers

5. Election in accordance with articles 28 to 32 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, of nine members of the Human Rights Committee to replace those whose terms are due to expire on 31 December 2000 (CCPR/SP/56 and Add.1-4)

6. Other matters

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NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT

*Meetings of Ministers for Foreign Affairs and Heads of delegation*

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| 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. | closed meeting | Conference Room 2 |
| 3 p.m. - 6 p.m. | closed meeting | Conference Room 2 |

ORGANIZATION OF THE ISLAMIC CONFERENCE:

AD HOC OPEN-ENDED WORKING GROUP ON THE UNITED NATIONS REFORM AND SECURITY COUNCIL EXPANSION
*(at the ministerial level)*

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| 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. | closed meeting | Conference Room 4 |

RIO GROUP
*(and the ASEAN Group)*

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 10 a.m. - 11 a. m. | closed meeting | Conference Room 7 |

RIO GROUP
*(and the European Union)*

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| 3.15 p.m. - 5.30 p.m. | closed meeting | Conference Room 8 |

RIO GROUP
*(and China)*

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| 5.40 p.m. - 6.10 p.m. | closed meeting | Conference Room 8 |

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**United Nations Institute for Training and Research**

GENERAL BRIEFING ON THE WORK OF THE FIFTY-FIFTH SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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| 10 a.m.- 1 p.m. | closed meeting | Conference Room 3 |
| 3 p.m.- 6 p.m. | closed meeting | Conference Room 3 |

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There will be a meeting of the Commonwealth Ministerial Committee on Belize *today*, 14 September 2000, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

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There will be a meeting of the Foreign Ministers of the Gulf Cooperation Council *today*, 14 September 2000, from 10.30 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room D.

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There will be a meeting of the Commonwealth Ministerial Committee on Guyana *today*, 14 September 2000, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

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**Panel discussion**

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# FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

*Friday, 15 September 2000*

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

*Fifty-fifth session*

10 a.m. 16th plenary meeting General Assembly Hall

Continuation of the general debate [9]:

Papua New Guinea

Malaysia

Portugal

Iceland

United Arab Emirates

Cuba

New Zealand

Côte d' Ivoire

3 p.m. 17th plenary meeting General Assembly Hall

1. Address by His Excellency Mr. Abdikassim Salad Hassan, President of the Somali Democratic Republic

2. Continuation of the general debate [9]:

Solomon Islands

Islamic Republic of Iran

Uganda

Saint Lucia

Kenya

Belarus

Austria

Paraguay

Democratic People's Republic of Korea

Poland

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

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| 10.30 a.m. | closed meeting | Conference Room 10 |
| 3 p.m. | closed meeting | Conference Room 10 |

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**Committees**

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## United Nations Children's Fund

EXECUTIVE BOARD

*Second regular session for 2000*

The second regular session of the UNICEF Executive Board will take place from 18 to 20 September 2000 in Conference Room 2. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work is contained in document E/ICEF/2000/14.

# MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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There will be a meeting of the Contact Group on Sierra Leone *(at the ministerial level)* of the Organization of the Islamic Conference on Friday, 15 September 2000, at 3 p.m. in Confrence Room 1.

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The Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Member States of the Group of 77 will hold their Twenty-fourth Annual Ministerial Meeting at Headquarters on Friday, 15 September 2000, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

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The Annual Coordination Meeting of the Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the Organization of the Islamic Conference will be held on Monday, 18 September 2000, at 10 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

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The Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Member States of the Group of Land-locked Developing Countries will hold their first Annual Ministerial Meeting on Monday, 18 September 2000, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 6.

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## Forum

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## Briefings

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing the following briefings for delegates from the permanent missions and capitals attending a session of the General Assembly for the first time:

1. Special briefing on the work of the Second Committee: Friday, 15 September, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.;
2. Special briefing on the work of the Fifth Committee: Friday, 15 September, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.;
3. Special briefing on the work of the Third Committee: Monday, 18 September, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.;
4. Special briefing on electronic services at the United Nations: Tuesday, 19 September, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603; tel.: (212) 963-9196).

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There will be a briefing for diplomats and the staff in the United Nations system at Headquarters on Friday, 15 September 2000, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 2, by the Foreign Minister of Benin on the preparation for the Fourth International Conference on New or Restored Democracies, to be held in Cotonou, Benin, from 4 to 6 December 2000.

# SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

*Wednesday, 13 September 2000*

## GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

12th plenary meeting

*Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations (article 19 of the Charter) (A/55/345/Add. 3)* [122]

The General Assembly took note that Cape Verde had made the necessary payment to reduce its arrears below the amount specified in Article 19 of the Charter.

*Continuation of the general debate* [9]

The General Assembly heard statements by H.E. The Honourable Sam Condor, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of Saint Kitts and Nevis; H.E. Mr. Tang Jiaxuan, Minister for Foreign Affairs of China; H.E. The Honourable Lamberto Dini, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Italy; H.E. Sheikh Sabah Al-Hamad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, First Deputy Prime Minister, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Kuwait; H.E. The Honourable Ralph Maraj, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Trinidad and Tobago; H.E. Mr. Mohamed Benaissa, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of Morocco; H.E. Mr. Fernando De Trazegnies, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Peru; and H.E. Mr. Toomas Hendrik Ilves, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Estonia.

13th plenary meeting

*Continuation of the general debate* [9]

The General Assembly heard a statements by H.E. Mr. Tonino Picula, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Croatia; H.E. Mr. Louis Michel, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of Belgium; H.E. Mrs. Nkosazana Dlamini-Zuma, Minister for Foreign Affairs of South Africa; H.E. Mr. Yohei Kono, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan; H.E. Mr. Amre Moussa, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Egypt; H.E. Mr. Nguyen Dzy Nien, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Viet Nam; H.E. the Honourable Billie Miller, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade of Barbados; H.E. Mrs. Rosario Green, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Mexico; H.E. Mr. Niels Helveg Petersen, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Denmark; H.E. Mr. Youssouf Ouédraogo, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs of Burkina Faso; H.E. Mr. Ahmed Ould Sid Ahmed, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of Mauritania; and H.E. Mr. Iaia Djaló, Minister for Foreign Affairs and the Communities of Guinea-Bissau.

Statements in the exercise of the right of reply were made by the representatives of Iraq, Spain and Kuwait.

## Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

2nd meeting

*Opening of the meeting*

The Chairman made a statement.

*Election of officers*

Upon nomination by the representative of Uganda, and in accordance with rule 103 of the rules of procedure, the Committee elected, by acclamation, H.E. Mr. Patrick Albert Lewis (Antigua and Barbuda) as Vice-Chairman.

The Chairman informed the Committee that consultations were still continuing for the posts of the other Vice-Chairmen and Rapporteur.

The representative of Cyprus made a statement.

A statement was made by the representative of Antigua and Barbuda.

*Organization of work*

The Committee had before it a letter from the President of the General Assembly concerning the agenda items allocated to it (A/C.4/55/1) and a note by the Chairman (A/C.4/55/L.1) containing his suggestions concerning the organization of work.

The Chairman and the Secretary of the Committee replied to questions posed to them by the representative of Morocco.

Further statements were made by the representatives of Morocco, the Dominican Republic, Papua New Guinea, Zambia, New Zealand and the Syrian Arab Republic.

The Committee approved the programme of work contained in document A/C.4/55/L.1.

As regards agenda item 83, the Committee decided to establish an open-ended Working Group, chaired this year by the delegation of Chile to prepare a draft resolution on agenda item 83 (International cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space).

The Committee's attention was drawn to the relevant rules and recommendations of the General Assembly affecting the work of the Main Committees, as well as those contained in General Assembly decision 34/401.

In accordance with the suggestions of the Chairman, as contained in his note (A/C.4/55/L.1), the Committee decided to hold a general debate on agenda items 88, 89, 90 and 12 and 91 and to close the list of speakers on those items at 6 p.m. on Monday, 25 September. Delegations were also informed about the deadline for submission of draft resolutions or proposals on decolonization items on Wednesday, 27 September.

The Committee also decided to hold a meeting during the week of 2 October to discuss the proposed medium-term plan and its revisions as indicated in paragraph 8 of document A/C.4/ 5/L.1.

# SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

## [MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

*Amendment to article 20, paragraph 1 of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women. Geneva, 22 May 1995*

*Acceptance:* Austria (11 September 2000)*

*International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination. New York, 7 March 1966*

*Signature:* Paraguay (13 September 2000)

*United Nations Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods. Vienna, 11 April 1980*

*Accession:* Saint Vincent and the Grenadines (12 September 2000)*

*International Convention for the Suppression of Terrorist Bombings. New York, 15 December 1997*

*Ratification:* Sudan (8 September 2000)*

*Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court. Rome, 17 July 1998*

*Signature:* Russian Federation (13 September 2000)

* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

*International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of their Families. New York, 18 December 1990*

*Signature:* Paraguay (13 September 2000)

*Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the involvement of children in armed conflict. New York, 25 May 2000*

*Signature:* Paraguay (13 September 2000)

*Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography. New York, 25 May 2000*

*Signature:* Paraguay (13 September 2000)

### CORRIGENDUM

The entry appearing in this section on Thursday, 24 August 2000 (see Journal No. 2000/163, p.14, English and French versions), should read as follows:

*International Cocoa Agreement, 1993. Geneva, 16 July 1993*

*Provisional application:* Peru (21 August 2000)*

* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Staff Council

There will be a meeting of the Staff Council *today*, 14 September 2000, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 4. The meeting is open to staff members only.

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### Special screening

There will be a special screening of the CNN documentary "Soldiers of Peace", organized by the Permanent Mission of Colombia to the United Nations, the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and the Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict, on Tuesday, 19 September 2000, at 4 p.m. in Conference Room 4. Brief addresses will be made by Mr. Olara Otunnu, Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict, Ms. Carol Bellamy, Executive Director of UNICEF, Mrs. Nohora Puyana de Pastrana, First Lady of Colombia, and Ms. Kathy Eldon, producer of the documentary. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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## PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

### SCHEDULED MEETINGS

*Friday, 15 September 2000*

#### SECURITY COUNCIL

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| 10 a.m. | consultations of the whole (closed) | Consultation Room |

Eritrea/Ethiopia (S/2000/785 and S/2000/867)*

Sierra Leone (Review of the measures imposed by paragraph 1 of resolution 1306 (2000))

East Timor

Briefing by the Secretariat pursuant to paragraph 7 of resolution 1319 (2000)

Other matters

*With a view to a formal meeting.

#### MILITARY STAFF COMMITTEE

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| 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. | 1439th meeting (closed) | Conference Room 9 |

#### SECURITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO RESOLUTION 864 (1993) CONCERNING THE SITUATION IN ANGOLA

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| 3.15 p.m.- 4 p.m. | 26th meeting (closed) | Conference Room 7 |

## GENERAL ASSEMBLY

*Fifty-fifth session*

10 a.m. 16th plenary meeting General Assembly Hall

1. Continuation of the general debate [9]:

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Malaysia

Portugal

Iceland

United Arab Emirates

Cuba

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Saint Lucia

Kenya

Belarus

Austria

Paraguay

Democratic People's Republic of Korea

Poland

## Committees

### THIRD COMMITTEE

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| 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. | 2nd meeting | Conference Room 1 |

1. Election of officers
2. Organization of work (A/55/250, A/C.3/55/L.1 and Add.1)

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### ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

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| 10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m. | closed meeting | Conference Room 10 |
| 3 p.m.- 6 p.m. | closed meeting | Conference Room 10 |

*Subject*

Board of Auditors

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### FIFTY-FIFTH SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

*General debate*
*(12 to 16, 18 to 22 September 2000)*

The provisional list of speakers (No. 5) for the general debate of the fifty-fifth session of the General Assembly is now available in room S-3001.

Delegations are reminded that credentials should be issued for all representatives to the fifty-fifth session of the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly. Credentials should be sent to the Secretary of the Credentials Committee (room S-3420A).

Live Webcast of the general debate of the fifty-fifth session of the General Assembly is available on the General Assembly Web site on the Internet at: http://www.un.org/ga/55.

Delegations are invited to send in advance by e-mail the electronic version of the text of their statements in the general debate, in one of the official languages of the United Nations, to DPI@un.org for posting on the General Assembly Web site.

## Announcements

*Cellular telephones*

Delegations are kindly requested to turn their cellular telephones rings off while attending meetings in order to maintain the orderly conduct of the proceedings of those meetings.

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*Friday, 15 September 2000*

AFRICAN GROUP OF THE WHOLE

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| 10 a.m.-1 p.m. | closed meeting | Conference Room 4 |

GROUP OF 77

*Twenty-fourth Annual Ministerial Meeting*

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| 10 a.m.-1 p.m. | closed meeting | Trusteeship Council Chamber |
| 3 p.m.-6 p.m. | closed meeting | Trusteeship Council Chamber |

RIO GROUP

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| 10 a.m.-1 p.m. | closed meeting | Economic and Social Council Chamber |

GROUP OF CENTRAL AMERICAN STATES

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| 12 noon-1 p.m. | closed meeting | Conference Room 7 |

AFRICAN GROUP:

WORKING GROUP ON SIXTH COMMITTEE MATTERS

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| 3 p.m.-6 p.m. | closed meeting | Conference Room 4 |

ORGANIZATION OF THE ISLAMIC CONFERENCE:

CONTACT GROUP ON SIERRA LEONE
*(at the ministerial level)*

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| 3 p.m. -6 p.m. | closed meeting | Conference Room 9 |

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**United Nations Institute for Training and Research**

SPECIAL BRIEFING ON THE WORK OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE

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| 10 a.m.-1 p.m. | closed meeting | Conference Room 3 |

SPECIAL BRIEFING ON THE WORK OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

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| 3 p.m.-6 p.m. | closed meeting | Conference Room 3 |

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There will be a meeting of the Foreign Ministers of the Gulf Cooperation Council *today*, 15 September 2000, from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room D.

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**Announcement**

As from Friday, 1 September 2000, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

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**Announcement**

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

# FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

*Saturday, 16 September 2000*

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

*Fifty-fifth session*

10 a.m. 18th plenary meeting General Assembly Hall

Continuation of the general debate [9]:

Address by His Excellency The Honourable Laisenia Qarase, Prime Minister and Minister for National Reconciliation and Unity of the Republic of Fiji

Czech Republic

San Marino

Turkey

Hungary

Slovenia

Oman

Suriname

3 p.m. 19th plenary meeting General Assembly Hall

Continuation of the general debate [9]:

Luxembourg

Lao People's Democratic Republic

Albania

Brunei Darussalam

Angola

El Salvador

Gabon

Cape Verde

Democratic Republic of the Congo

*Monday, 18 September 2000*

## GENERAL ASSEMBLY

*Fifty-fifth session*

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| 10 a.m. | 20th plenary meeting | General Assembly Hall |
| 3 p.m. | 21st plenary meeting | General Assembly Hall |

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### SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

In accordance with its approved programme of work and timetable contained in document A/C.4/55/L.1, the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) will begin its substantive work on Monday, 25 September 2000, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 4. Delegations wishing to participate in the general debate on decolonization and related agenda items are urged to kindly inscribe their names on the list of speakers with the Secretariat of the Committee (room S-2977; tel.: (212) 963-9223), as soon as possible.

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**Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund**

*Third regular session 2000*

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**United Nations Children's Fund**

EXECUTIVE BOARD

*Second regular session for 2000*

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## Briefings

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing the following briefings for delegates from the permanent missions and capitals attending a session of the General Assembly for the first time:

1. Special briefing on the work of the Third Committee: Monday, 18 September, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.;

2. Special briefing on electronic services at the United Nations: Tuesday, 19 September, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603; tel.: (212) 963-9196).

# SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

*Thursday, 14 September 2000*

## SECURITY COUNCIL

4196th (private) meeting

*The situation in Somalia*

*Briefing by His Excellency Mr. Ismail Omar Guelleh, President of the Republic of Djibouti*

The Security Council met in private. At the close of the meeting, the following communiqué was issued by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 55 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Council:

"At its 4196th meeting, held in private on 14 September 2000, the Security Council considered the item entitled "The situation in Somalia".

His Excellency Mr. Ismail Omar Guelleh, President of the Republic of Djibouti, was invited to participate in the discussion.

The Security Council heard a briefing by His Excellency Mr. Ismail Omar Guelleh, during which, amongst other things, he requested the Council to give serious consideration to a United Nations post-conflict peacebuilding mission in Somalia.

The members of the Council made comments and posed questions in connection with the briefing.

Mr. Ismail Omar Guelleh responded to the comments and questions posed by members of the Council."

## GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

14th plenary meeting

*Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations (article 19 of the Charter) (A/55/345/Add.4)* [122]

The Assembly took note that Grenada and Guinea had made the necessary payments to reduce their arrears below the amount specified in Article 19 of the Charter. The General Assembly was informed that the information would be reflected in document A/55/345/Add.4.

*Continuation of the general debate* [9]

The General Assembly heard statements by H.E. Mr. Selim El-Hoss, President of the Council of Ministers and the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Lebanese Republic; H.E. Mr. Thorbjørn Jagland, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Norway; H.E. The Right Honourable Robin Cook, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland; H.E. Mr. Abdurrahman Shalghem, Secretary of the General People's Committee for Foreign Liaison and International Cooperation of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya; H.E. Mr. Joschka Fischer, Deputy Chancellor and Minister for Foreign Affairs of Germany; H.E. Mr. Farouk Al-Shara', Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Syrian Arab Republic; H.E. Mr. Brian Cowen, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Ireland; H.E. Ms. Anna Lindh, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Sweden; and H.E. Mr. Jadranko Prlić, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

15th plenary meeting

*Continuation of the general debate* [9]

The General Assembly heard statements by H.E. The Honourable Lloyd Axworthy, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Canada; H.E. The Honourable Paul Robertson, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Jamaica; H.E. Mr. Oskaras Jusys, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of Lithuania; H.E. Mr. Nizar Obaid Madani, Assistant Minister for Foreign Affairs of Saudi Arabia; H.E. Mr. Jozias van Aartsen, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands; H.E. Mr. Abdelaziz Belkhadem, Minister of State and Minister for Foreign Affairs of Algeria; H.E. Mr. Roberto Rojas López, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Worship of Costa Rica; H.E. Mr. Petre Roman, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of Romania; H.E. Mr. Abdul Ilah El-Khatib, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Jordan; H.E. Mr. George Papandreou, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Greece; H.E. Mr. Josep Piqué, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Spain; and H.E. Mrs. Camara Hadja Mahawa Bangoura, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of Guinea.

Statements in the exercise of the right of reply were made by the representatives of the United Kingdom, Burkina Faso and Guinea.

### Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE 2nd meeting

*Note:* The summary of the 2nd meeting of the First Committee will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 2000/179).

### International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights

MEETING OF STATES PARTIES
Twentieth Meeting 26th meeting

*Note:* The summary of the 26th meeting of the States parties will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 2000/179).

## SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

### [MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

*International Convention against the taking of hostages. New York, 17 December 1979*

*Accession:* Saint Vincent and the Grenadines (12 September 2000)*

*Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of Crimes against Internationally Protected Persons, including Diplomatic Agents. New York, 14 December 1973*

*Accession:* Saint Vincent and the Grenadines (12 September 2000)*

*United Nations Convention on the Carriage of Goods by Sea, 1978. Hamburg, 31 March 1978*

*Accession:* Saint Vincent and the Grenadines (12 September 2000)*

*Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty. New York, 10 September 1996*

*Ratification:* Belarus (13 September 2000)*

* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

*Additional Protocol to the Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons which may be deemed to be Excessively Injurious or to have Indiscriminate Effects (Protocol IV, entitled Protocol on Blinding Laser Weapons). Vienna, 13 October 1995*

*Consent to be bound:* Belarus (13 September 2000)*

*Convention on the Safety of United Nations and Associated Personnel. New York, 9 December 1994*

*Ratification:* Tunisia (12 September 2000)*

*International Convention for the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism. New York, 9 December 1999*

*Signature:* Peru (14 September 2000)

*Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety to the Convention on Biological Diversity. Montreal, 29 January 2000*

*Signature:* Madagascar (14 September 2000)

* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Special screening

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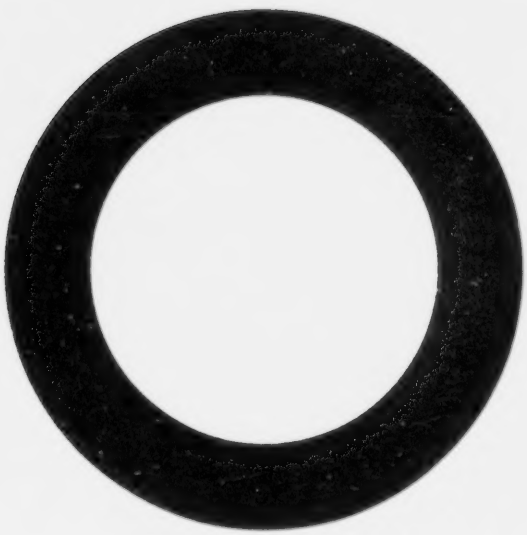

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SATURDAY, 16 SEPTEMBER 2000 No. 2000/179

## PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

### SCHEDULED MEETINGS

*Saturday, 16 September 2000*

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

*Fifty-fifth session*

10 a.m. 18th plenary meeting General Assembly Hall

Continuation of the general debate [9]:

Address by His Excellency The Honourable Laisenia Qarase, Prime Minister and Minister for National Reconciliation and Unity of the Republic of Fiji

Czech Republic

San Marino

Turkey

Hungary

Slovenia

Oman

Suriname

3 p.m. 19th plenary meeting General Assembly Hall

Continuation of the general debate [9]:

Luxembourg

Lao People's Democratic Republic

Albania

(continued overleaf)

Brunei Darussalam

Angola

El Salvador

Gabon

Cape Verde

Democratic Republic of the Congo

## MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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There will be a closed meeting of the Southern African Development Community *today*, 16 September 2000, at 11 a.m. in Conference Room 8.

*Monday, 18 September 2000*

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

*Fifty-fifth session*

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| 10 a.m. | 20h plenary meeting | General Assembly Hall |

Continuation of the general debate [9]:

Belize

Ethiopia

Russian Federation

Israel

Pakistan

Ghana

The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

Australia

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| 3 p.m. | 21st plenary meeting | General Assembly Hall |

Continuation of the general debate [9]:

Bahrain

Ukraine

Armenia

Tunisia

Madagascar

Malawi

Sri Lanka

Uruguay

Swaziland

Chad

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

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| 10.30 a.m.-1 p.m. | closed meeting | Conference Room 10 |
| 3 p.m.-6 p.m. | closed meeting | Conference Room 10 |

*Subject*

World Food Programme

**ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL**

**United Nations Children's Fund**

EXECUTIVE BOARD

*Second regular session for 2000*

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| 10 a.m.-1 p.m. | 15th meeting | Conference Room 2 |
| 3 p.m.-6 p.m. | 16th meeting | Conference Room 2 |

1. Opening of the session : statements by the President of the Executive Board and the Executive Director [1]

2. Adoption of the provisional agenda and timetable and organization of work [2] (E/ICEF/2000/14)

3. Proposals for UNICEF country proposals [3] (E/ICEF/2000/P/L.27)

   (a) Country programme recommendations (E/ICEF/2000/P/L.1/Add.1-P/L.17, P/L.28-P/L.45)

   (b) Recommendation for additional regular resources for approved country programmes (E/ICEF/2000/P/L.46)

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**GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

*Informal consultations on agenda item 34 (b): Oceans and the law of the sea*

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 34 (b) (Large-scale pelagic drift-net fishing, unauthorized fishing in zones of national jurisdiction and on the high seas, fisheries by-catch and discards, and other developments), will be held on Monday, 18 September 2000, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

Copies of draft resolution on a Agenda Item 34 (a) (Consideration of elements relating to oceans and seas, including improvement of coordination and cooperation) will be available for distribution, on Monday, 18 September 2000, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.15 p.m. in Conference Room D.

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SIXTH COMMITTEE

Informal open-ended consultations on the organization of work of the Sixth Committee of the General Assembly at its fifty-fifth session will take place on Monday, 18 September 2000, at 11 a.m. in Conference Room 5. A copy of the tentative programme of work of the Sixth Committee will be available in the conference room for interested delegations.

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**ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL**

*Informal (informal) consultations*

H.E. Mr. Bagher Asadi (Islamic Republic of Iran) will hold informal (informal) consultations on Monday, 18 September 2000, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 6, to discuss options for placing the United Nations Forum on Forests within the United Nations system intergovernmental machinery.

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FIFTY-FIFTH SESSION OF
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

*General debate*
*(12 to 16, 18 to 22 September 2000)*

The provisional list of speakers (No. 5) for the general debate of the fifty-fifth session of the General Assembly is now available in room S-3001.

Delegations are reminded that credentials should be issued for all representatives to the fifty-fifth session of the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly. Credentials should be sent to the Secretary of the Credentials Committee (room S-3420A).

Live Webcast of the general debate of the fifty-fifth session of the General Assembly is available on the General Assembly Web site on the Internet at: http://www.un.org/ga/55.

Delegations are invited to send in advance by e-mail the electronic version of the text of their statements in the general debate, in one of the official languages of the United Nations, to DPI@un.org for posting on the General Assembly Web site.

## Announcements

*Cellular telephones*

Delegations are kindly requested to turn their cellular telephones rings off while attending meetings in order to maintain the orderly conduct of the proceedings of those meetings.

# MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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*Monday, 18 September 2000*

AFRICAN GROUP:

EXPERT GROUP ON ECONOMIC MATTERS

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| 10 a.m.-1 p.m. | closed meeting | Conference Room 7 |

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The first meeting of Senior officals of the Economic Co-operation Organization will be held on Monday, 18 September 2000, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

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GROUP OF LAND-LOCKED DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

*First Annual Ministerial Meeting*

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| 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. | closed meeting | Conference Room 6 |

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The Tenth Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Least Developed Countries (LDCs) will be held on Monday, 18 September 2000, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. The Meeting will be presided by H.E. Mr. Abdus Samad Azad, Foreign Minister of Bangladesh. The meeting will be addressed by the Secretary-General, Mr. Zephirin Diabre, Associate Administrator of UNDP, Mr. Carlos Fortin, Deputy Secretary-General of UNCTAD and senior institutional representatives of the IMF and World Bank in addition to the Ministers and Permanent Representatives from Least Developed Countries.

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ORGANIZATION OF THE ISLAMIC CONFERENCE

*Annual Coordinating Meeting of the Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the Member States of the OIC*

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| 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. | closed meeting | Economic and Social Council Chamber |
| 3 p.m.- 6 p.m. | closed meeting | Economic and Social Council Chamber |

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**United Nations Institute for Training and Research**

SPECIAL BRIEFING ON THE WORK OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE

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| 3 p.m.- 6 p.m. | closed meeting | Conference Room 1 |

GROUP OF 77
*(on Fifth Committee matters)*

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| 3 p.m.- 6 p.m. | closed meeting | Conference Room 5 |

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**Announcement**

As from Friday, 1 September 2000, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

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**Announcement**

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

# FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

*Tuesday, 19 September 2000*

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

*Fifty-fifth session*

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| 10 a.m. | 22nd plenary meeting | General Assembly Hall |
| 3 p.m. | 23rd plenary meeting | General Assembly Hall |

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

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| 10.30 a.m. | closed meeting | Conference Room 10 |
| 3 p.m. | closed meeting | Conference Room 10 |

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**Committees**

FIRST COMMITTEE

Delegations wishing to participate in the general debate on disarmament and international security and related agenda items are urged to kindly inscribe their names on the list of speakers with the Secretariat of the First Committee (room S-3170K; tel.: (212) 963-0049), as soon possible.

Delegations are reminded that names of representatives and of alternate representatives and advisers should be submitted to Mr. Kuo-Chung Lin, Secretary of the First Committee (telefax: (212) 963-5305).

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SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

In accordance with its approved programme of work and timetable contained in document A/C.4/55/L.1, the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) will begin its substantive work on Monday, 25 September 2000, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 4. Delegations wishing to participate in the general debate on decolonization and related agenda items are urged to kindly inscribe their names on the list of speakers with the Secretariat of the Committee (room S-2977; tel.: (212) 963-9223), as soon as possible.

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SECOND COMMITTEE

The Second Committee will hold its 2nd meeting on Wednesday, 20 September 2000, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 1, to elect its Vice-Chairmen and Rapporteur and to consider its proposed organization of work as contained in document A/C.2/55/L.1*. The list of speakers for items allocated to the Second Committee (A/C.2/55/1)* will be opened for inscription on Wednesday, 20 September 2000, at 3 p.m.

* To be issued.

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THIRD COMMITTEE

The list of speakers for *all items* allocated to the Third Committee will be open on Monday, 18 September 2000, for inscription by delegations. The Committee will begin its substantive work (in accordance with document A/C.3/55/L.1, as approved by the Committee at its second meeting) on Monday, 25 September 2000, at 10 a.m., with agenda items 103 (Social development) and 104 (International Year of Older Persons). Delegations wishing to be inscribed are kindly requested to contact the Secretary of the Committee, Ms. Kate Starr Newell (tel.: 212-963-4248; telefax: 212-963-5935).

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FIFTH COMMITTEE

The Fifth Committee will hold its 2nd meeting on Tuesday, 19 September 2000, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 3, to consider the following issues: (a) Election of Vice-Chairmen and a Rapporteur; (b) Status of documentation (A/C.5/55/ L.1) and organization of work (A/C.5/55/L.2*); (c) 17 (b) (Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments: appointment of a member of the Committee on Contributions (A/55/102/Add.1 and A/C.5/55/5)); (d) Item 122 (Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations): Letter dated 17 July 2000 from the President of the General Assembly addressed to the Chairman of the Fifth Committee (A/C.5/55/2); and (e) Item 117 (Programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001): Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/54/L.88/Rev.1 (A/C.5/54/65 and A/55/376*).

* To be issued.

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## GENERAL ASSEMBLY

*Informal consultations on agenda item 34 (a): Oceans and the law of the sea*

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 34 (a) (Consideration of elements relating to oceans and seas, including improvement of coordination and cooperation), will be held on Wednesday 20, and Thursday, 21 September 2000, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

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## ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The resumed 2000 session of the Committee on Non-governmental Organizations will be held on Wednesday, 27 September 2000, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber, to resume consideration of item 7 (Consideration of special reports) (Transnational Radical Party).

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### United Nations Development Programme

There will be an informal (closed) Inter-Agency Consultative meeting (IACM) on Wednesday, 20 September 2000, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

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### Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund

*Third regular session 2000*

The third regular session 2000 of the Executive Board of UNDP and of UNFPA will be held from 25 to 29 September 2000 in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional agenda, annotations, list of documents and work plan are contained in document DP/2000/L.4. Interested delegations are invited to attend.

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# SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

*Thursday, 14 September 2000*

## GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

### Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE 2nd meeting

The Chairman of the Committee, H.E. M. U Mya Than (Myanmar), made a statement.

*Election of the Vice-Chairmen and Rapporteur*

The Committee elected M. Alberto Guani (Uruguay) and Ms. Petra Schneebauer (Austria) as Vice-Chairmen of the Committee.

The Committee decided to postpone the election of other officers to a later date.

*Organization of work*

The Committee adopted its programme of work and timetable contained in document A/C.1/55/CRP.1.

The Secretary of the First Committee made a statement.

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### International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights

MEETING OF STATES PARTIES
Twentieth Meeting 26th meeting

*Opening of the Meeting* [1]

The Meeting was opened by the representative of the Secretary-General, Mr. Bacre Waly Ndiaye, Director, New York Office, who made a statement.

*Election of the Chairman* [2]

The representative of Uganda made a statement.

H.E. Mr. Roland Marxer (Liechtenstein) was elected as Chairman of the Meeting by acclamation.

*Adoption of the agenda* [3]

The Meeting adopted the provisional agenda submitted by the Secretary-General (CCPR/SP/57) as its agenda.

*Election of other officers of the Meeting* [4]

The Meeting unanimously elected Ms. Amina Mesdoua (Algeria) as Vice-Chairperson.

*Election in accordance with articles 28 to 32 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, of nine members of the Human Rights Committee to replace those whose terms are due to expire on 31 December 2000* [5]

The following candidates were elected after the first ballot as members of the Human Rights Committee to serve from 1 January 2001 to 31 December 2004: Mr. Nigel Rodley (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland), Mr. Maxwell Yalden (Canada), Mr. Ahmed Tawfik Khalil (Egypt), Mr. Martin Scheinin (Finland), Mr. Rafael Rivas Posada (Colombia), Mr. Ivan Shearer (Australia), Mr. Rajsoomer Lallah (Mauritius), Mr. Patrick Vella (Malta) and Mr. Maurice Glele Ahanhanzo (Benin).

*Other matters* [6]

No statements were made under this item.

The Twentieth Meeting of the States Parties was declared closed.

*Friday, 15 September 2000*

## SECURITY COUNCIL

4197th meeting

*The situation between Eritrea and Ethiopia*

*Report of the Secretary-General on Ethiopia and Eritrea (S/2000/785)*

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution contained in document S/2000/867, which had been prepared in the course of the Council's prior consultations.

The Council then proceeded to the vote on the draft resolution (S/2000/867) before it.

*Decision: The draft resolution (S/2000/867) received 15 votes in favour, none against and no abstentions, and was adopted unanimously as resolution 1320 (2000).*

## GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

16th plenary meeting

*Continuation of the general debate* [9]

The General Assembly heard statements by H.E. Sir John Kaputin, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Papua New Guinea; H.E. Datuk Seri Syed Hamid Albar, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Malaysia; H.E. Mr. Jaime Gama, Minister of State and Minister for Foreign Affairs of Portugal; H.E. Mr. Halldór Asgrimsson, Minister for Foreign Affairs and External Trade of Iceland; H.E. Mr. Rashid Abdullah Al-Noaimi, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the United Arab Emirates; and H.E. Mr. Felipe Pérez Roque, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Cuba.

*Address by H.E. Mr. Abdikassim Salad Hassan, President of the Somali Republic*

H.E. Mr. Abdikassim Salad Hassan, President of the Somali Republic, addressed the General Assembly.

*Continuation of the general debate* [9]

The General Assembly heard statements by H.E. The Honourable Phil Goff, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade of New Zealand; H.E. Mr. Charles Providence Gomis, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Côte d'Ivoire; and H.E. Mr. Kamal Kharrazi, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

17th plenary meeting

*Continuation of the general debate* [9]

The General Assembly heard statements by H.E. The Honourable Danny Philip, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Solomon Islands; H.E. Mr. Ralph Ochan, Chairman of the Delegation of Uganda; H.E. The Honourable George Odlum, Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Trade of Saint Lucia; H.E. The Honourable Bonaya Adhi Godana, Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Kenya; H.E. Mrs. Benita Ferrero-Waldner, Federal Minister for Foreign Affairs of Austria; H.E. Mr. Ural Latypov, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of Belarus; H.E. Mr. Juan Esteban Aguirre Martinez, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Paraguay; H.E. Mr. Li Hyong Chol, Chairman of the Delegation of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea; and H.E. Mr. Wladyslaw Bartoszewski, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Poland.

Statements in the exercise of the right of reply were made by the representatives of the Islamic Republic of Iran and the United Arab Emirates.

### Committees

THIRD COMMITTEE

2nd meeting

The Chairperson made a statement.

*Election of officers*

The Committee elected by acclamation Ms. Sarah Paterson (New Zealand) as Vice-Chairperson.

The Committee postponed to a future meeting the election of two Vice-Chairpersons and a Rapporteur.

*Organization of work*

The Chairperson drew the Committee's attention to the relevant recommendations contained in document A/55/250, as well as the proposed organization of work (document A/C.3/55/L.1) and the status of documentation before the Committee (document A/C.3/55/L.1/Add.1).

The meeting was suspended in order to allow the Committee to consider its programme of work.

Following resumption of the meeting, the representative of Cuba made a statement.

The Committee then approved its programme of work for the session, as contained in document A/C.3/55/L.1.

The Committee agreed to set the following time limits for statements in the general discussion: 7 minutes for statements by individual delegations and 15 minutes for spokespersons of groups of delegations. It was also agreed that this time limit would apply to the Secretariat.

The Committee's attention was drawn to the provisions of General Assembly decision 34/401 regarding interventions in exercise of the right of reply and points of order.

Delegations were informed that the list of speakers for all items would open on Monday, 18 September and that they should inscribe at the earliest possible date with the Secretary of the Committee.

The Committee decided to extend invitations to a number of Special Rapporteurs and Representatives to present their reports to the Committee at the present session.

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Continuation of the general debate [9].

Belize

Ethiopia

Russian Federation

Israel

Pakistan

Ghana

The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

Australia

3 p.m. 21st plenary meeting General Assembly Hall

Continuation of the general debate [9].

Bahrain

Ukraine

Armenia

Tunisia

(continued overleaf)

Madagascar

Malawi

Sri Lanka

Uruguay

Swaziland

Chad

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

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| 10.30 a.m.–1 p.m. | closed meeting | Conference Room 10 |
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*Subject*

World Food Programme

## ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

### United Nations Children's Fund

EXECUTIVE BOARD

*Second regular session for 2000*

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| 10 a.m.–1 p.m. | 15th meeting | Conference Room 2 |
| 3 p.m.–6 p.m. | 16th meeting | Conference Room 2 |

1. Opening of the session: statements by the President of the Executive Board and the Executive Director [1]

2. Adoption of the provisional agenda and timetable and organization of work [2] (E/ICEF/2000/14)

3. Proposals for UNICEF country proposals [3] (E/ICEF/2000/P/L.27)

   (a) Country programme recommendations (E/ICEF/2000/P/L.1/Add.1-P/L.17, P/L.28-P/L.45)

   (b) Recommendation for additional regular resources for approved country programmes (E/ICEF/2000/P/L.46)

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### Committees

SIXTH COMMITTEE

Informal open-ended consultations on the organization of work of the Sixth Committee of the General Assembly at its fifty-fifth session will take place on Monday, 18 September 2000, at 11 a.m. in Conference Room 5. A copy of the tentative programme of work of the Sixth Committee will be available in the conference room for interested delegations.

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*Monday, 18 September 2000*

AFRICAN GROUP:

EXPERT GROUP ON ECONOMIC MATTERS

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| 10 a.m.-1 p.m. | closed meeting | Conference Room 7 |

GROUP OF LAND-LOCKED DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

*First Annual Ministerial Meeting*

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| 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. | closed meeting | Conference Room 6 |

ORGANIZATION OF THE ISLAMIC CONFERENCE

*Annual Coordination Meeting of the Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the Member States of the OIC*

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| 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. | closed meeting | Economic and Social Council Chamber |
| 3 p.m.- 6 p.m. | closed meeting | Economic and Social Council Chamber |

GROUP OF 77
*(on Fifth Committee matters)*

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| 3 p.m.- 6 p.m. | closed meeting | Conference Room 5 |

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The first meeting of Senior officals of the Economic Co-operation Organization will be held on Monday, 18 September 2000, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

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The Tenth Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Least Developed Countries (LDCs) will be held on Monday, 18 September 2000, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. The Meeting will be presided by H.E. Mr. Abdus Samad Azad, Foreign Minister of Bangladesh. The meeting will be addressed by the Secretary-General, Mr. Zephirin Diabre, Associate Administrator of UNDP, Mr. Carlos Fortin, Deputy Secretary-General of UNCTAD and senior institutional representatives of the IMF and World Bank in addition to the Ministers and Permanent Representatives from Least Developed Countries.

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**United Nations Institute for Training and Research**

SPECIAL BRIEFING ON THE WORK OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE

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| 3 p.m.- 6 p.m. | closed meeting | Conference Room 1 |

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# FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

*Tuesday, 19 September 2000*

## GENERAL ASSEMBLY

*Fifty-fifth session*

10 a.m. 22nd plenary meeting General Assembly Hall

Continuation of the general debate [9]:

Republic of Moldova

Republic of Korea

Panama

Indonesia

Mali

Qatar

Nigeria

Palestine

3 p.m. 23rd plenary meeting General Assembly Hall

Continuation of the general debate [9]:

Sierra Leone

Thailand

Turkmenistan

Philippines

Botswana

Bangladesh

India

Guyana

Sudan

Congo

The Commonwealth of Dominica

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

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| 10.30 a.m. | closed meeting | Conference Room 10 |
| 3 p.m. | closed meeting | Conference Room 10 |

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**Committees**

FIRST COMMITTEE

Delegations wishing to participate in the general debate on disarmament and international security and related agenda items are urged to kindly inscribe their names on the list of speakers with the Secretariat of the First Committee (room S-3170K; tel.: (212) 963-0049), as soon possible.

Delegations are reminded that names of representatives and of alternate representatives and advisers should be submitted to Mr. Kuo-Chung Lin, Secretary of the First Committee (telefax: (212) 963-5305).

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SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

In accordance with its approved programme of work and timetable contained in document A/C.4/55/L.1, the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) will begin its substantive work on Monday, 25 September 2000, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 4. Delegations wishing to participate in the general debate on decolonization and related agenda items are urged to kindly inscribe their names on the list of speakers with the Secretariat of the Committee (room S-2977; tel.: (212) 963-9223), as soon as possible.

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SECOND COMMITTEE

The Second Committee will hold its 2nd meeting on Wednesday, 20 September 2000, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 1, to elect its Vice-Chairmen and Rapporteur and to consider its proposed organization of work as contained in document A/C.2/55/L.1*. The list of speakers for items allocated to the Second Committee (A/C.2/55/1)* will be opened for inscription on Wednesday, 20 September 2000, at 3 p.m.

* To be issued.

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THIRD COMMITTEE

The list of speakers for *all items* allocated to the Third Committee will be open on Monday, 18 September 2000, for inscription by delegations. The Committee will begin its substantive work (in accordance with document A/C.3/55/L.1, as approved by the Committee at its second meeting) on Monday, 25 September 2000, at 10 a.m., with agenda items 103 (Social development) and 104 (International Year of Older Persons). Delegations wishing to be inscribed are kindly requested to contact the Secretary of the Committee, Ms. Kate Starr Newell (tel.: 212-963-4248; telefax: 212-963-5935).

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FIFTH COMMITTEE

The Fifth Committee will hold its 2nd meeting on Tuesday, 19 September 2000, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 3, to consider the following issues: (a) Election of Vice-Chairmen and a Rapporteur; (b) Status of documentation (A/C.5/55/L.1) and organization of work (A/C.5/55/L.2*); (c) 17 (b) (Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments: appointment of a member of the Committee on Contributions (A/55/102/Add.1 and A/C.5/55/5)); (d) Item 122 (Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations): Letter dated 17 July 2000 from the President of the General Assembly addressed to the Chairman of the Fifth Committee (A/C.5/55/2); and (e) Item 117 (Programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001): Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/54/L.88/Rev.1 (A/C.5/54/65 and A/55/376*).

* To be issued.

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**GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

*Informal consultations on agenda item 34 (a) Oceans and the law of the sea*

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 34 (a) (Consideration of elements relating to oceans and seas, including improvement of coordination and cooperation), will be held on Wednesday 20, and Thursday, 21 September 2000, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

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## ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The resumed 2000 session of the Committee on Non-governmental Organizations will be held on Wednesday, 27 September 2000, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber, to resume consideration of item 7 (Consideration of special reports) (Transnational Radical Party).

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### United Nations Development Programme

There will be an informal (closed) Inter-Agency Consultative meeting (IACM) on Wednesday, 20 September 2000, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

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### Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund

*Third regular session 2000*

The third regular session 2000 of the Executive Board of UNDP and of UNFPA will be held from 25 to 29 September 2000 in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional agenda, annotations, list of documents and work plan are contained in document DP/2000/L.4. Interested delegations are invited to attend.

# MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 *(on Third Committee matters)* on Tuesday, 19 September 2000, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

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## Briefing

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing the following briefing for delegates from the permanent missions and capitals attending a session of the General Assembly for the first time:

Special briefing on electronic services at the United Nations: Tuesday, 19 September, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603; tel. (212) 963-9196).

# SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

*Saturday, 16 September 2000*

## GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

18th plenary meeting

*Continuation of the general debate* [9]

The General Assembly heard statements by H.E. The Honourable Laisenia Qarase, Prime Minister and Minister for National Reconciliation and Unity of the Republic of Fiji; H.E. Mr. Jan Kavan, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic; H.E. Mr. Gabriele Gatti, Minister for Foreign and Political Affairs of San Marino; H.E. Mr. Ismail Cem, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Turkey; H.E. Mr. János Martonyi, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Hungary; H.E. Mr. Alojz Peterle, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Slovenia; H.E. Mr. Yousef Bin Al-Alawi Bin Abdullah, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Oman; and H.E. Mrs. Maria Levens, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Suriname.

19th plenary meeting

*Continuation of the general debate* [9]

The General Assembly heard statements by H.E. Mr. Hubert Wurth, Chairman of the Delegation of Luxembourg; H.E. Mr. Somsavat Lengsavad, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Lao People's Democratic Republic; H.E. Mr. Paskal Milo, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Albania; His Royal Highness Prince Mohamed Bolkiah, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Brunei Darussalam; H.E. Mr. João Bernardo de Miranda, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Angola; H.E. Ms. Maria Eugenia Brizuela De Avila, Minister for Foreign Affairs of El Salvador; H.E. Mr. Jean Ping, Minister of State and Minister for Foreign Affairs, Cooperation and Francophonie of Gabon; H.E. Mr. Rui Alberto de Figueiredo Soares, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Communities of Cape Verde; and H.E. Mr. Yerodia Abdoulaye Ndombasi, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

# SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

## [MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

*Amendment to article 74 of the Constitution of the World Health Organization. Geneva, 18 May 1978*

*Acceptance:* Mauritius (12 September 2000)*

*Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court. Rome, 17 July 1998*

*Ratification:* Sierra Leone (15 September 2000)*

*International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of their Families. New York, 18 December 1990*

*Signature:* Sierra Leone (15 September 2000)

* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Special events

The Department of Public Information, in association with UNESCO and a coalition of non-governmental organizations, will host two special events on Tuesday, 19 September 2000, to mark the Millennium Peace Day. About 250 students from New York City schools will be in Conference Room 4 at 10 a.m., to hear from Mrs. Nane Annan, Mrs. Nohora Puyana de Pastrana, First Lady of Colombia, and Mrs. Betty Williams, 1976 Nobel Peace Prize Winner. At 12 noon, at a ceremony to be held on the United Nations Plaza, Mr. Harri Holkeri, President of the fifty-fifth session of the General Assembly, will receive over 50 million signatures collected by children and representatives of non-governmental organizations in support of UNESCO's "Culture of Peace" manifesto. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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### Special screening

There will be a special screening of the CNN documentary "Soldiers of Peace", organized by the Permanent Mission of Colombia to the United Nations, the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and the Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict, on Tuesday, 19 September 2000, at 4 p.m. in Conference Room 4. Brief addresses will be made by H.E. Mr. Harri Holkeri (Finland), President of the General Assembly, Mr. Olara Otunnu, Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict, Ms. Carol Bellamy, Executive Director of UNICEF, Mrs. Nohora Puyana de Pastrana, First Lady of Colombia, and Ms. Kathy Eldon, producer of the documentary. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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### Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of September 2000 has been communicated to the Secretariat:

*African States:*
Kenya
Mr. Fares Kuindwa

*Asian States:*
Japan
H.E. Mr. Yukio Satoh

*Eastern European States:*
Russian Federation
H.E. Mr. Sergey Lavrov

*Latin American and Caribbean States:*
Barbados
H.E. Miss June Yvonne Clarke

*Western European and other States:*
Sweden
H.E. Mr. Pierre Schori

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## PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

### SCHEDULED MEETINGS

*Tuesday, 19 September 2000*

**SECURITY COUNCIL**

11.15 a.m. consultations of the whole (closed) Consultation Room

Sierra Leone (S/2000/832 and Add.1)

Other matters

5 p.m. 4198th meeting (closed) Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The situation in East Timor

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

*Fifty-fifth session*

10 a.m. 22nd plenary meeting General Assembly Hall

Continuation of the general debate [9]:

Republic of Moldova

Republic of Korea

Panama

Indonesia

Mali

(continued overleaf)

Qatar

Nigeria

Palestine

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| 3 p.m. | 23rd plenary meeting | General Assembly Hall |

Continuation of the general debate [9]:

Sierra Leone

Thailand

Turkmenistan

Philippines

Botswana

Bangladesh

India

Guyana

Sudan

Congo

The Commonwealth of Dominica

**Committees**

FIFTH COMMITTEE

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| 3 p.m.-6 p.m. | 2nd meeting | Conference Room 3 |

1. Election of Vice-Chairmen and Rapporteur

2. Organization of work (A/55/250, A/C.5/55/1, /C.5/55/L.1 and A/C.5/55/L.2)

3. Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments [17]

   (b) Committee on Contributions (A/55/102/Add.1 and A/C.5/55/5)

4. Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations [122]

   Letter dated 17 July 2000 from the President of the General Assembly addressed to the Chairman of the Fifth Committee (A/C.5/55/2)

5. Programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001 [117]

   Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/54/L.88/Rev.1 and Add.1 (A/C.5/54/65 and A/55/376)

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

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| 10.30 a.m.-1 p.m. | closed meeting | Conference Room 10 |
| 3 p.m.-6 p.m. | closed meeting | Conference Room 10 |

*Subjects*

1. Follow-up report on management irregularities causing financial losses to the Organization

2. Report of the Joint Inspection Unit on the administration of justice in the United Nations

3. Procurement reform

4. Outsourcing practices

## ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

### United Nations Children's Fund

EXECUTIVE BOARD

*Second regular session for 2000*

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| 10 a.m.–1 p.m. | 17th meeting | Conference Room 2 |
| 3 p.m.–4 p.m. | 18th meeting | Conference Room 4 |

1. Health matters [4].

(a) Overview of recent initiatives and partnerships in immunization, including GAVI: oral report

(b) Recommendations for the extension of cooperation with Rotary International for polio eradication and for the extension of the Vaccine Independence Initiative (E/ICEF/2000/P/L.47)

2. Decisions taken by the Economic and Social Council: oral report [5]

3. Financial medium-term plan (MTP) for the period 2000-2003 [6] (E/ICEF/2000/AB/L.5)

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## ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

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*(on oceans and seas)*

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| 9 a.m.-10 a.m. | closed meeting | Conference Room 7 |

GROUP OF 77
*(on Third Committee matters)*

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| 10 a.m.-1 p.m. | closed meeting | Conference Room 5 |

ORGANIZATION OF THE ISLAMIC CONFERENCE

AD HOC COMMITTEE FOR THE FOLLOW-UP OF SUBMISSION OF THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION ON DIALOGUE AMONG CIVILIZATIONS
*(at the ambassadorial level)*

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| 10 a.m.-1 p.m. | closed meeting | Conference Room 9 |

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**United Nations Institute for Training and Research**

SPECIAL BRIEFING ON ELECTRONIC SERVICES AT THE UNITED NATIONS

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*Wednesday, 20 September 2000*

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

*Fifty-fifth session*

10 a.m. 24th plenary meeting General Assembly Hall

Continuation of the general debate [9]:

Slovakia

Azerbaijan

Namibia

Singapore

Kyrgyzstan

Lesotho

Palau

Cambodia

3 p.m. 25th plenary meeting General Assembly Hall

Continuation of the general debate [9]:

Liberia

Central African Republic

Cameroon

Bolivia

Myanmar

Andorra

Haiti

Nauru

Vanuatu

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

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**GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

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**Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund**

*Third regular session 2000*

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# SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

*Monday, 18 September 2000*

## GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

20th plenary meeting

*Continuation of the general debate* [9]

The General Assembly heard statements by H.E. The Honourable John Briceño, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Natural Resources and Environment of Belize; H.E. Mr. Seyoum Mesfin, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Ethiopia; H.E. Mr. Igor Ivanov, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation; H.E. Mr. Shlomo Ben-Ami, Acting Minister for Foreign Affairs of Israel; H.E. Mr. Abdul Sattar, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Pakistan; H.E. Mr. James Victor Gbeho, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Ghana; and H.E. Mr. Aleksandar Dimitrov, Minister for Foreign Affairs of The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia; and H.E. The Honourable Alexander Downer, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Australia.

21st plenary meeting

*Continuation of the general debate* [9]

The General Assembly heard statements by H.E. Mr. Jassim Mohammed Buallay, Chairman of the Delegation of Bahrain; H.E. Mr. Borys Tarasyuk, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Ukraine; H.E. Mr. Vartan Oskanian, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Armenia; H.E. Mr. Habib Ben Yahia, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Tunisia; H.E. Mrs. Lila Ratsifandrihamanana, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Madagascar; H.E. The Honourable Lilian Patel, Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Malawi; H.E. The Honourable Lakshman Kadirgamar, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Sri Lanka; H.E. Mr. Didier Opertti, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Uruguay and former President of the General Assembly; H.E. Mr. Clifford Sibusiso Mamba, Chairman of the Delegation of Swaziland; and H.E. Mr. Mahamat Saleh Annadif, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Chad.

The representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran made a statement in the exercise of the right of reply.

A statement in the exercise of the right of reply was made by the observer of Palestine.

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## ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

### United Nations Children's Fund

EXECUTIVE BOARD
Second regular session for 2000 15th and 16th meetings

*Note:* The summary of the 15th and 16th meetings of the Executive Board will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 2000/182).

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### Convention on the Rights of the Child

COMMITTEE ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD
Twenty-fifth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

MONDAY, 18 SEPTEMBER 2000

642nd meeting

Mr. Hamid Gaham, Chief, Support Services Branch, made an opening statement.

The Committee considered its methods of work in closed session.

# SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

## [MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

*International Coffee Agreement, 1994, as extended until 30 September 2001, with modifications, by Resolution No. 384 adopted by the International Coffee Council in London on 21 July 1999. London, 30 March 1994*

*Accession*: Austria (11 September 2000)*

*Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the involvement of children in armed conflict. New York, 25 May 2000*

*Signature*: El Salvador (18 September 2000)

* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Special events

The Department of Public Information, in association with UNESCO and a coalition of non-governmental organizations, will hold two special events *today*, 19 September 2000, to mark the Millennium Peace Day. About 250 students from New York City schools will be in Conference Room 4 at 10 a.m. to hear from Mrs. Nane Annan, Mrs. Nohora Puyana de Pastrana, First Lady of Colombia, and Mrs. Betty Williams, 1976 Nobel Peace Prize Winner. At 12 noon, at a ceremony to be held on the United Nations Plaza, Mr. Harri Holkeri, President of the fifty-fifth session of the General Assembly, will receive over 50 million signatures collected by children and representatives of non-governmental organizations in support of UNESCO's "Culture of Peace" manifesto. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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### Special screening

There will be a special screening of the CNN documentary "Soldiers of Peace", organized by the Permanent Mission of Colombia to the United Nations, the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and the Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict, *today*, 19 September 2000, at 4 p.m. in Conference Room 4. Brief addresses will be made by H.E. Mr. Harri Holkeri (Finland), President of the General Assembly, Mr. Olara Otunnu, Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict, Ms. Carol Bellamy, Executive Director of UNICEF, Mrs. Nohora Puyana de Pastrana, First Lady of Colombia, and Ms. Kathy Eldon, producer of the documentary. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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### Special presentation

The Permanent Representative of Lesotho to the United Nations, in his capacity as Chairman of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics, H.E. Mr. Percy Metsing Mangoaela, the Permanent Representative of Malta to the United Nations, H.E. Mr. Walter Balzan, and the Permanent Observer of Switzerland to the United Nations, H.E. Mr. Jenö C.A. Staehelin, are jointly organizing the launch of the *Internet Guide for Diplomats* by Mr. Jovan Kurbalija from the Mediterranean Academy of Diplomatic Studies, University of Malta, to be held on Thursday, 21 September 2000, from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. in the Dag Hammarskjold Library Auditorium. Members of permanent missions and permanent observer missions and Secretariat staff are invited to attend. The presentation will be made in English.

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